

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2024
for
Northumberland Football Association
Limited

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for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

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Report of the Trustees
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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006), present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015).

Prior to its registration as a charitable company, Northumberland Football Association Limited, was a not-for-profit organisation, established to promote and administer the game of association football in the county of Northumberland. The company was formally registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 30th April 2018, with a charitable purpose which continues its work to promote and administer football in the county of Northumberland in its pursuit of advancing amateur sport, health and education.

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Objectives and aims

These are for the public benefit generally but with particular reference to the inhabitants of the County and its surrounding areas.

- 1) to promote, develop and support community participation in healthy recreation by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the playing of the game and such other sports or physical activities which improve fitness and health;
- 2) to advance amateur sport by promoting the amateur playing of the game and such other sports or games which promote health by involving physical or mental skill or exertion and which are undertaken on an amateur basis;
- 3) to advance education (including academic and physical education) by such means as the Trustees think fit including helping and educating children and young people by providing facilities for the playing of the game and other sports as to develop their physical, mental and social capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the community.
- 4) helping and educating persons involved in the coaching and/or refereeing of the game by providing relevant tuition and/or resources; and
- 5) to relieve people with disabilities, learning difficulties or ill-health by the provision of facilities for the playing of the game and other sport, recreation or leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of such people.

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Significant activities

It is my pleasure to provide the following report on the activities of Northumberland Football Association Limited from 1st July 2023 through to 30th June 2024. As ever, the efforts of the many key people who make up this organisation should not go without recognition. I thank the Senior Management Team for providing real depth to this report to inform the membership of the work we have undertaken for the betterment of grassroots football across Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland.

Strategy Development

A key piece of work undertaken in the last twelve months was the development of our next grassroots football strategy which will cover the period from July 2024 to June 2028. Our commitment during the planning period was that we wanted to create a strategy driven by participants. Throughout January and February, we undertook face to face consultation across the geographical spread of the County FA area to try and understand the real issues facing the grassroots game with a view to ensuring they are addressed in the next strategic period. The Board of Northumberland FA approved this strategy on 11th April 2024, furthermore approval from The FA was achieved on 11th June 2024 to secure key investment for the next four seasons. We anticipate public release of the strategy in September 2024, and we anticipate key milestone updates and further engagement across the strategy period to ensure the relevance of the work we are doing.

HQ Development

Work continues to progress at our prospective new HQ the St Peter's Sports Hub. There have been several unavoidable delays in the development that has now given us a prospective completion date of December 2024. We are still resolved that this development will not just be game changing for the County FA but also the local area which the hub will serve. Despite the setbacks, the completion of the super-sized artificial pitch housed at the hub in June 2024 has allowed activity to take place, with a number of partner clubs already utilising the first-class facilities.

Corporate Governance

On 7th June 2024, Northumberland FA was assessed against version 2.1 of The FA's Code of Governance for County FAs. We were delighted that our submission was successful, and the County FA has again achieved accreditation to confirm it operates with the highest level of Governance.

When compiling this report last year, Northumberland FA was finalising appointments of Trustees after an extensive review of roles and skills in the summer of 2023. The following appointments were ratified in the autumn of 2023:

Steve Ord (Chair - retained)

Phil Cullerton (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director & Vice-Chair - new role)

Andrew Rose-Cook (Chief Executive Officer - non-officio)

Lauri Chandler (Financial Director - retained)

Steve Swinyard (Safeguarding Champion - retained)

Claire Waldron (Facilities Lead - new appointment)

Sarah Medcalf (Business Development Lead - new appointment)

Steve Shiel (Grassroots Football Lead - new appointment)

Zoe Hingston (Chair of Inclusion Advisory Board - new appointment)

Gemma Knight (Workforce Development - new appointment)

Paul Lucherini (Operations Lead - new appointment as co-opted Director)

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It has been a pleasure to work as part of this new Board and all the early indications suggest this group will only continue to support the growth of Northumberland FA as a business and its ability to support the local grassroots game.

Away from Trustee level there has been considerable change across the rest of the County FAs governance structure. In the last twelve months we have worked tirelessly to establish and recruit to the County FAs Inclusion Advisory Board and Football Advisory Board. Both institutions currently have Board representatives as Chair's which ensures a key flow of information across the different parts of the organisation.

Voice FC was established in 2023/24. Voice FC is a youth leadership group for 16-21 year olds and fits into NFA's Governance Structure alongside the Football Advisory Board and Inclusion Advisory Board. Voice FC is being delivered in partnership between NFA and a local youth charity, NE Youth. The group will simultaneously act as the voice for young people, to promote and develop youth engagement, supporting football in Northumberland FA's region (Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, and Northumberland) meet the needs of children and young people, helping to retain and grow participation across all areas of the game (playing, refereeing, coaching, volunteering), while also developing themselves through training, gaining experience, raising aspirations and supporting future ambitions. Currently 12 young people are part of Voice FC.

Executive Workforce

With one eye on the future, we were delighted to welcome Hamzah Dhalech to the Senior Management Team in April 2024. Hamzah has been recruited by our wholly-owned associated company, Northumberland FA Community Hub Limited, as the Centre Manager for the St Peter's Sports Hub and we were keen to recruit and embed him into the team as soon as possible. The only other staffing change saw Louise Winter leave the organisation and us welcoming Lewis White as her replacement in the Compliance Department. Both Hamzah and Lewis have made a terrific start to life with the organisation.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to all of the staff group who despite numerous challenges both internally and externally have performed to the very highest level to service the grassroots game.

Business Development - provided by Helen Beales (Head of Business Development)

Our 'balanced scorecard' objectives identify key targets linked to our Operational Plan. In the case of Business Development, these related to our commercial income, engagement with our audience, customer satisfaction and grass pitch quality.

The department achieved, and in many cases exceeded, most targets. The exception was commercial income, however this was impacted by the delay in the opening of the St Peter's HQ.

Commercial Revenue	Target £97,226	Actual £92,000
Net Promoter Score*	Target +45	Actual +76 (average)
Total Social Media Followers	Target 30,000	Actual 30,708
Total Social Media Impressions	Target 4m	Actual 4.2m
Total Content Watch Hours	Target 1,000	Actual 1,625
Quality Grass Pitches	Target 61	Actual 159

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*Internationally recognised measure of customer satisfaction which asks how likely people are to recommend NFA to their friends.

Marketing and Communications

We enjoyed another strong season in terms of marketing and communications, with a significant uplift in the number of people we reach and the quality of those interactions

Our social media channels continue to grow across the board. YouTube recorded a 40% increase in followers, while Twitter recorded a 105% uplift. Facebook has been a particularly strong channel for us this season, with an almost 200% increase in engagement, despite historically being one of our less popular channels. This increase in activity means we are hopefully reaching new audiences, putting us in a positive position as we approach the opening of our new St Peter's HQ and the anticipated increased marketing activity associated with this development.

Across this past season we have made consistent efforts to target the business audience, in order to connect with potential sponsors and explore partnership opportunities. As such we have made a concerted effort to grow our profile on LinkedIn, which has shown a significant 450% increase in impressions and an engagement rate of 9%; against an industry average of around 3.5%.

We launched our new NFA brand in September last year at our annual Grassroots awards, after a period of engagement with all of our stakeholders. The new branding has been widely welcomed and has allowed us to streamline our communications, provide a consistent look across our wide and varied work and will give us a firm visual basis on which to launch the new HQ development later this year.

Customer service continues to be an important issue for Northumberland FA and we have continued to make significant progress in this area. Our target benchmark for the end of the season was +45, using the internationally recognised NPS (Net Promoter Score) method which measures customer satisfaction by asking how likely customers are to recommend the organisation to family or friends. We ended the season on an average of +76, up from +56 last season. Customer service will become more important as we move into St Peter's, with direct customer engagement due to increase significantly and we hope that the past season has set us on a positive path to meet these challenges.

Events

This season's County Cup finals saw us welcome over 6,000 spectators to the 22 events in April and May, with over 2,000 at the flagship Senior Cup fixture at St James' Park, including children from schools in Blyth who were offered free tickets thanks to our partnership with Newcastle Flooring. This initiative gave some of these young people their first opportunity to visit NUFC's stadium.

Planning has already started for next season's fixtures, which we hope will include some of the first matches in our new building and artificial pitch. Last year's new Senior Cup sponsor, Newcastle Flooring, has renewed their contract for the forthcoming season and we look forward to extending our partnership with them.

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We have secured a new sponsor for this year's Grassroots Awards and look forward to welcoming Club Supporter to this prestigious event. Club Supporter provide online subscription software for sports clubs and we hope that we will be able to work further with them to provide advice and workshops for our local clubs in conjunction with the company, as part of our wider club support work.

Last year's Grassroots awards raised over £3,000 towards our SCARF Fund which helps families facing hardship and struggling to cover football expenses, and our Grassboots kit and boot recycling project. We have made 16 grants from the SCARF Fund, helping children in need to keep playing the game they love by funding transport costs, provide equipment and pay subs.

Business Development

With the delivery of St Peter's Sports Hub due later in the season, it remains important to prioritise our commercial partnerships.

As part of this we have commissioned a new booking system and database which will allow us greater flexibility in promoting our projects and the new artificial pitch.

We are delighted that our new partners Newcastle Flooring and Collingwood Insurance have committed to us for the forthcoming season and look forward to strengthening our links with them. In addition, we are pleased to welcome Club Supporter as our new headline Grassroots Awards sponsor.

Our work with existing partners has gone from strength to strength, with female pathway partner GMS assisting us with our facility development work by undertaking grass pitch assessments on our behalf and thereby helping our clubs access vital funding.

Facilities

We have worked closely with our colleagues at the Football Foundation over the past season to obtain the maximum possible funding for grassroots football facilities, with £1.73m awarded across 55 grant applications in 2023/24.

Significant projects this year have included securing an investment of £154k from the Football Foundation for Morpeth Town Juniors, allowing them to carry out much needed grass pitch improvements to a previously unstable multi pitch site at Morpeth Common. The club now has a true 'home site' for the first time, alongside funded maintenance machinery and goalposts.

The Howden's GameChanger programme has seen us work with several clubs on the installation of new kitchens including Wallsend BC, New Fordley, Morpeth Juniors, Montague and North Fenham, and Newcastle Blue Star, providing much needed refreshment facilities plus an opportunity for these clubs to develop income streams.

Phase one of the innovative Playzone scheme is underway in Newcastle and Northumberland which will see small sided artificial play areas, designed for community use, provided in the areas that need them the most.

And senior club Heaton Stannington has seen £55,000 invested through the Premier League Stadia Fund to improve the matchday experience.

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In total 55 clubs have benefited from this grass pitch maintenance funding, 20 more than the season before, with £2.38m committed towards grass pitch improvement over the coming years.

The FA set a target of 61 pitches to be rated good or better by the end of season 2023/24. We greatly exceeded this with an end of season total of 159 pitches at this level. We will continue work in the new season to keep these pitches in good condition and bring more up to this level, by working with clubs and supporting their groundstaff.

We hosted several grass pitch workshops earlier in the season which were extremely well attended, and aim to repeat and extend these events in the coming 12 months.

We work closely with all our grassroots partners to ensure there are enough artificial grass pitches to meet both current and future demand. We are currently working on potential projects across our area in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland, with a robust pipeline of new 3G pitches planned, increasing both training and matchday capacity for clubs across our area.

Compliance & Inclusion Overview - provided by Dean Buckle (Head of Compliance & Inclusion)

The number one priority for Northumberland FA continues to be safeguarding, and this work is led, shaped and monitored by the compliance team. Northumberland FA's safeguarding work is underpinned by The FA's Safeguarding Operating Standard for County FA's and the work we do in this area is externally audited by the NSPCC. In our most recent safeguarding audit, conducted in July 2023, Northumberland FA was judged to have met the standard required by the auditors, who commented;

"Safeguarding is clearly embedded in the County FA, the CEO, Chair and team as a whole should be congratulated on an excellent assessment. The culture within Northumberland FA and the care for their community is extremely inspiring."

The 2023/24 season saw one change in our staffing team, with Lewis White joining us as Football Services Administrator to replace the outgoing Louise Winter.

Safeguarding reviews

In 2023/24, the compliance team continued to work towards our objective of conducting a safeguarding review at 33% of our clubs with a youth team, again achieving this figure. However, we still felt that we needed to do more and therefore, in 2023/24 we piloted 'Mystery Shopping in football' via our Positive Football Ambassador scheme.

With the support of the ambassadors, we were able to observe over 50% of our clubs with a youth team in season 2023/24. I'm delighted that we are going to expand this initiative in 2024/25, meaning we expect to be able to observe every single club, every single season. This significantly adds to our ability to complete matchday safeguarding observations and supplements the work our team do all year round.

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Compliance

The safeguarding reviews and practices listed are supplemented by the ongoing monitoring and management of qualifications, with the team seeking to ensure that non-playing participants in the game always meet the minimum qualification criteria. 2023/24 was our first full season using the FA's 'shared services' and I'm delighted that their proactive approach has meant we continue to see some of the highest qualification compliance in the country.

In terms of the bigger picture, we now have more eyes and ears observing football than ever before and we expect to observe/visit around 300 games and training sessions in 2024/25. I am consistently clear that, where we find coaches operating without the minimum qualifications, these individuals and clubs will face the strongest possible sanctions as we maintain a zero-tolerance approach to non-compliance. With the volume of observations we are now able to complete, I am more confident than ever before that anyone operating without the minimum qualifications will be caught and held accountable.

Inclusion

2023/24 saw our first full season in which '100% Inclusive' operated throughout and I'm delighted with some of the successes this strategy has achieved. I was delighted to see this work recognised externally in June 2023, when we were awarded 'Equality Trailblazer' and 'Business of the Year' at the North East Chamber of Commerce Awards as I believe this gives a clear and independent assessment that the inclusion work we are producing is informed, impactful and important.

In 2024, Northumberland FA achieved the Preliminary level of the Equality Standard for Sport. This is an externally moderated standard that measures our work and practices in the space of Inclusion and requires us to provide evidence of assessment, impact and change. As we move forward, we will continue to strive to be a leading organisation for inclusion in sport.

We also completed our first full season with our newly formed Inclusion Advisory Board (IAB). The board consists of individuals with excellent professional experience and the key skills and expertise to help critique our work and create innovative solutions to problems faced by our communities. The IAB have already had a significant impact on our work, helping to critique and shape our new grassroots football strategy, while providing expertise in key areas, such as our planned community work, as and when needed.

On the subject of community work, we've been delighted by the response to our 'Grassboots' kit and boot recycling scheme. Season 2023/24 saw us receive more than 2,500 donations and we expect to double that figure for the season ahead, with new donation points about to go out into new communities. Additionally, our 'Create your own football club' project continues to expand, with new schools coming on board throughout the season.

Season 2023/24 saw us deliver more inclusion initiatives than ever before, across the entirety of the organisation. We saw our first ever Football Mental Health First Aid course delivered while we gifted the sponsorship of two county cups to mental health support charities. Our SCARF fund made multiple grants, delivered 'stepping over the sidelines' in a Sikh temple and hosted an SEN Schools football festival. Finally, we continued to deliver our female 'summer sevens' events, hosted walking football festivals and became a 'disability confident' employer.

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Discipline

This year saw us raise 194 misconduct charges, which is down from 226 in season 2022/23, a reduction of 14%. This season, 56% of these charges were in youth football, a reduction from 62% the previous season. This demonstrates that some of the initiatives we've put in place for youth football, such as mystery shopping, may be starting to take effect. However, there are upward trends in misconduct against match officials (+5%) and misconduct aggravated by protected characteristics, which increased by 58% on the previous season.

Investigations:

Over 300 investigations into misconduct have taken place.

194 charges of misconduct have been raised and heard, with 90% of charges found to be proven at hearings.

Cases were dealt with in, on average, in 24 days.

Cards:

4,299 yellow cards.

508 red cards - includes 130 for violent conduct and 146 for offensive, insulting or abusive language.

Misconduct against match officials:

29% of charges raised came from misconduct against match officials.

3 charges raised for assault against a Match Official, one led to a seven-year suspension from all Football.

Misconduct aggravated by protected characteristics:

38 charges raised (19.5%) where it was alleged that behaviour/language was aggravated by a protected characteristic, a rise from last season's 24.

2 charges for alleged discrimination raised.

37% of charges for these related to language/behaviour aggravated by disability.

34% of charges raised for these related to language/behaviour aggravated by sexual orientation.

Misconduct in youth football:

56% of charges raised were for matters taking place in youth football.

59% of all investigations were for matters taking place in youth football.

24 out of 25 Club charges for spectator behaviour took place in youth football matches.

Safeguarding case work

Safeguarding case work continues to be a key priority of the County FA. This ranges from low level concerns through to higher level concerns and an array of cases in which multi-agency work is required, including Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), the Police and FA case management.

In season 2023/24, we continued to utilise our safeguarding software for case recording and ongoing case management. The software provides a host of benefits and insights, helping to shape everything from our safeguarding visit scheduling, to demonstrating how decisions are reached and evidencing the action taken at every single step of a safeguarding case. The software allows us to take a data led approach to interventions.

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This season, we have handled a number of new safeguarding cases and 'general safeguarding advice' cases. A breakdown of case type and volume is as follows;

53 low level concern cases.

18 of these were referred to the FA. This means they met the threshold to investigate and/or issue a suspension for safeguarding reasons.

13 referrals were made to or received from the LADO. LADO is involved when there are concerns around individuals working with children, either professionally or voluntarily.

3 calls made to 999 by club officials due to risk of immediate harm to children.

8 interim safeguarding suspensions issued.

2 permanent safeguarding suspensions issued.

The serious cases listed above are demonstrative of the scope and breadth of Northumberland FA's work to ensure the safety of participants in the game. Reports are categorised as per 'best fit' and in the majority of serious cases, it's important to note that the alleged offence has happened outside of football.

Northumberland FA ensure each case is dealt with professionalism, diligence and care taken by the team on every single case. Safeguarding will continue to be our number one priority and moving forward, we have ambitious plans in place which will ensure the game in our area is safer than ever before.

Football Development - provided by David Jones (Head of Football Development)

In 2021, Northumberland FA launched its new Grassroots Football Strategy. Within this were key focus areas for Football Development, covering players, coaches, referees, and facilities. In 2023/24 work has continued to achieve our strategic objectives and increase total FA funding received by NFA.

Player Pathways

Strategic Aim: Creation of accessible and inclusive football pathways through the support and/or commission of excellent and appropriate playing formats.

As context, season 2021/22 was the first season online player registration was compulsory for all leagues and their teams. This has given us a more accurate picture of how many people are playing football, in addition to those taking part in FA Programmes such as FA Wildcats, Squad Girls, and FA Just Play. Prior to 2021/22 'Proxy measures' were used based on affiliated teams.

Because of this, player numbers pre-2021/22 aren't comparable, so Table 1.0 shows player numbers across Male, Female, and Disability pathways over the previous three seasons, and against Northumberland FA's target set by The FA. To provide more historical comparison, Table 2.0 shows the number of affiliated teams across the County over the last nine seasons. Table 2.0 doesn't include play programmes such as FA Wildcats.

PATHWAY	MALE/MIXED	FEMALE	DISABILITY	TOTAL
PLAYERS 2021/22	19,026	3,609	311	22,946
PLAYERS 2022/23	21,351	4,246	282	25,879
PLAYERS 2023/24	23,325	4,476	266	28,058
2023/24 FA TARGET	17,806	3,339	428	21,267
ACTUAL v FA TARGET	+5,519	+1,137	-162	+6,791

Table 1.0 Player numbers by pathway against FA targets

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SEASON	YOUTH (U5-U11)	YOUTH (U12-U16)
2014/15	555	468
2015/16	544	461
2016/17	588	470
2017/18	634	477
2018/19	638	471
2019/20	784	526
2020/21	756	544
2021/22	827	607
2022/23	837	593
2023/24	900	752

SEASON	TRANSITION (U17-U23)	OPEN-AGE/SENIOR	TOTAL
2014/15	83	380	1,486
2015/16	78	369	1,452
2016/17	76	379	1,513
2017/18	81	360	1,552
2018/19	79	319	1,507
2019/20	92	383	1,785
2020/21	111	408	1,819
2021/22	126	415	1,975
2022/23	88	432	1,950
2023/24	82	466	2,200

Table 2.0 Team numbers by age category per season

Overall, player numbers have continued to increase year-on-year since 2021/22 when online Player Registration was introduced. After a small dip in 2022/23, affiliated Team numbers continue to increase, driven predominantly by the large growth in junior football.

The vast majority of players in Table 1.0 participate within affiliated Teams, taking part in sanctioned leagues. NFA affiliated teams take part in 30 different sanctioned leagues, 18 of which are sanctioned by NFA with the remainder either FA sanctioned or sanctioned by another County FA. 172 players counted within Table 1.0 are only participating in an FA Recreational Programme delivered by a Club, such as FA Wildcats, FA Squad Girls, and FA Just Play. Any player who is registered within an FA Recreational Programme, who is also registered within a Team playing in a league, is only counted once. Congratulations and thanks must go to the work of Club and League officials driving the provision and growth of football.

With the support of FA Recreational Programmes, the Female Pathway continues to grow. Table 1.0 shows participation growth. In addition to the players listed in the Female Pathway of Table 1.0, 474 female players play in the Mixed Pathway of Youth Football. This also transfers to team numbers. In 2014/15 season there were 132 Female teams across all age groups, in 2023/24 there were 305.

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The largest gap in provision within our County is across the Disability Football pathway. Prior to the 2021/22 season, a child or young person with a disability had no opportunities available to play disability football within a grassroots community club. This led Northumberland FA to launch the Inclusion Hub Project, providing funding and support to set up recreational sessions for children with special educational needs (SEN) aged 6-11 and/or 12-16. Four clubs were part of the programme. Participation from these sessions isn't included in the figures shown in Table 1.0. With the introduction of the FA Comets programme, and delivery of the FA Disability Training for Clubs: Journey to Inclusion Workshop, NFA now has 5 Clubs as FA Comets Providers, offering football provision for 6-11 year-olds. The folding of the Open-age pan-disability football league in October 2023 removed the local competition pathway within disability football. This is to be re-established by NFA in 2024/25. Outside of The FA's pathway 'ecosystem', Newcastle United Foundation deliver 23 weekly pan-disability and disability specific sessions across the county, providing more opportunities than are captured by FA data. However, the strategic objective for Disability Football between 2024-2028 is to increase provision within, and connected to, the grassroots Club network to help them become thriving accredited clubs at the heart of their communities.

Northumberland FA has continued to support Walking Football, hosting 4 events in 2023/24 providing social and competitive playing opportunities for Walking Football Clubs and groups in the region. The inaugural FA Walking Football Cup in 2024/25 will also be supported by NFA.

NFA once again delivered the Women's Summer 7's Series. This provides local open-age female teams the opportunity to continue playing over the summer, along with teams' development/recreational groups being able to play semi-competitive football in a social environment. 12 teams took part in 2023/24 with feedback saying the series has helped retain existing players and bring new players into clubs.

To support youth teams transitioning from 7v7 to 9v9 football, and the introduction of offsides, the annual Transition Series was delivered at the end of the 2023/24 season, with entries hitting capacity. This programme was also used to support new referees gain experience ahead of 2024/25.

England Football Accreditation

England Football Accreditation is a driving force to creating a sustainable network of grassroots clubs able to develop and grow the game. Accredited Clubs are required to go through a renewal process each season. 100% of Northumberland FA's Accredited Club's retained their accreditation in 2023/24. With the growth of Teams within Accredited Clubs, and a targeted approach to support the remaining non-Accredited Clubs with youth teams become Accredited, this supported an increase from 1,534 teams within an Accredited Club to 1,802.

At the end of the 2022/23 season, 93.3% of Youth Teams were part of an Accredited Club, and 56% of Adult Teams were part of an Accredited Club. At the end of 2023/24, this increased to 98.25% of Youth Teams and 74.13% of Adult Teams being part of an Accredited Club.

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Coach Development

Strategic Aim: Establishment of a first-rate coaching development programme to drive coaching standards in all formats of the game.

FA Recognition Awards 2022: Coach Development Programme of the Year

The Coach the Coach programme continues to offer a range of support to coaches helping develop a pivotal workforce beyond formal coaching qualifications.

In 2023/24 Coach the Coach included 26 face-to-face Coach Development events. 3 of the events were delivered in partnership with Newcastle United FC's Academy, in addition to events delivered by FA Coach Developers, Northumberland FA staff, and guest deliverers, such as ex-FA Coach Development Lead, and Coach Development legend, Pete Sturgess. This provides local coaches with high quality opportunities to experience and learn from the best as well as network with other grassroots coaches.

In addition to Coach the Coach events, the programme has also continued its podcast series 'From the Sidelines' and an online Hub. Both of these providing content to support coaches whenever they want it. The Podcast has released 19 new episodes in 2023/24, taking its total to 61 episodes, and has received 12,675 listens on Spotify. The online Hub now has 114 subscribers.

The Lionesses Coach the Coach project also continued, providing a series of workshops for female coaches including a Match Day observation experience at St James' Park for the England v France Euro25 Qualifier. Overall 102 female coaches took part in the programme with 36 new female coaches joining in 2023/24.

Coach the Coach also launched the Coach the Coach Academy in 2023/24, specifically supporting coaches aged 16-24. In its first season, 32 coaches took part with 4 bespoke workshops delivered, focusing on developing coaching practice, but also providing support in employability and networking within Coaching.

Referee Development

FA Recognition Awards 2023: Positive Football Environment Award

Referee coverage across affiliated league games is vital to support the growth of teams. In previous seasons the growth of team numbers far outweighed the growth in referee numbers, resulting in demand being greater than supply to service the game. Following on from back-to-back NFA record numbers of training new referees, in 2023/24 153 new referees completed an NFA delivered FA Refereeing Course. This actually was the same number as in 2022/23 season.

In addition to training more referees, for the first time since the measure was recorded, over 80% of referees (82%) re-registered from the previous season. This increase in retention, along with more new referees entering the game, has resulted in figures shown in Table 3.0. New programmes and processes are to be introduced in the coming seasons to continue to increase the number of people who go from Course to Pitch, to recruit more who will be active referees.

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Northumberland FA's Centre of Referee Excellence (CORE) continues to grow with 30 officials looking to develop and progress through The FA's Referee Pathway. The partnership with Newcastle United FC's Academy has also continued, providing new referees aspiring to progress quickly with opportunities to officiate in a high-performance environment.

To monitor the enjoyment and experience of referees, Northumberland FA conduct an annual Match Official Survey. Overall enjoyment of refereeing has increased, as measured by the percentage of referees scoring their enjoyment 7+ out of 10. In 2021/22 this was 83%, in 2022/23 this was 88.5%, and in 2023/24, this was 89.9%.

In addition, Northumberland FA introduced the Respect & Reward scheme at the start of 2022/23. The scheme enabled referees to give Respect Marks to teams' players, coaches, and spectators giving the fullest possible picture of behaviour in grassroots football. 2023/24 results remained consistent, with the data demonstrating how the vast majority of football is played in a positive environment. The average Match Respect Score being 9.1 out of 10, and 89.4% of matches having an average Respect Score of 8-10, compared to 1.2% of matches with a Respect Score of 5 or less. The scheme also allowed NFA to provide rewards and recognition to the best scoring teams, to promote positive behaviour, and reward match officials who had engaged with the scheme.

SEASON	TEAMS	REFEREES	REFEREES PER TEAM
2016/17	1,513	359	0.24
2017/18	1,552	411	0.26
2018/19	1,507	406	0.27
2019/20	1,785	372	0.21
2020/21	1,819	375	0.20
2021/22	1,975	437	0.22
2022/23	1,950	553	0.28
2023/24	2,200	632	0.29

Table 3.0 Total team and referee numbers per season

Public benefit

The charity has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the 12 months ending 30th June 2024 show a surplus of £11,204 compared to the surplus of £14,879 for the 12 months ending 30th June 2023. The surplus in the year represents 1.8% of total income, compared to the prior year of 2.4%.

The cash holding was £297,557 at the end of the financial year compared to £391,034 at 30th June 2023. As at 30th June 2024 £30,246 of club insurances had been collected by the County compared to £44,806 at the end of June 2023.

In December 2023 the NFA paid their contribution to the Community Hub project, value £50,000. The Community Hub project build has been delayed preventing any income generation in the financial year therefore requiring the NFA to financially support Northumberland FA Community Hub Limited to the value of £17,284.

The County consistently maintains a cash balance representing at least 6 months of operating cost which is consistent with the FA guidelines for the size of the operation.

The County FA financial controls are aligned to The Football Association's County FA Financial Management Operating Guidance Manual all of which are reviewed, improved, and updated on a regular basis in line with the FA guidance. Each month a full set of Management Accounts are presented to the Board of Directors for review to ensure we are on track to deliver the annual Budget target surplus.

The team have delivered another solid financial year, delivering on the surplus and cash targets while dealing with the challenges of the delay in the Community Hub.

The next 12 months will provide new challenges, no more so than the staged delivery of the new Northumberland Football Association Community Hub but the company is in a strong position to deal with those challenges and deliver on all the targets for the new year. The NFA in conjunction with the Community Hub will ensure the NFA is financially resilient and more financially independent to allow it to continue to invest in the future delivery of football in the County of Northumberland.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Northumberland Football Association Limited ("NFA") is a company limited by guarantee. Incorporated under the Companies Act on 28th October 1999 (registration number 03867559) and registered under the Charities Act 2011 on 30th April 2018 (registration number 1178164).

NFA was formed under a Memorandum of Association (dated 28th October 1999) that established its objects and powers. It is governed under its Articles of Association (amended 28th September 2023) by a board whose members are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the purposes of charity law. The names of the members of the board who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 15.

Members of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of winding up.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association a minimum of three, but maximum of twelve Trustees shall comprise the following; the Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Financial Director, the Chair of the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Independent Trustees, and any other Trustees appointed or co-opted. Not less than one third of the Board shall be Independent Trustees. New Trustees shall be recommended by the Nominations Committee and appointed by Trustees, following an open advertisement and recruitment process. The Trustees shall decide which suitably qualified person should be appointed as the Financial Director for such term and upon such conditions as they think fit.

The Charity has adopted a target of, and shall take all appropriate actions to encourage a minimum of 30% of each gender on the board and greater diversity by demonstrating a strong and public commitment to progressing towards diversity on the Board, including by adopting diversity targets, which reflect the diversity of the Charity's local area. The Charity shall publish its work to foster diversity on its website.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03867559 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1178164

Registered office

Whitley Park
Whitley Road
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tyne and Wear
NE12 9FA

Trustees

S Ord Chair
A Rose-Cook Chief Executive Officer
L A Chandler Financial Director
Z Hingston Chair - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (appointed 12.10.23)
P Cullerton Independent Trustee
S D Swinyard Independent Trustee
G Knight Independent Trustee (appointed 12.10.23)
P Lucherini Independent Trustee (appointed 12.10.23)
S L Medcalf Independent Trustee (appointed 12.10.23)
S Shiel Independent Trustee (appointed 12.10.23)
C Waldron Independent Trustee (appointed 12.10.23)
A J Jenkins Independent Trustee (resigned 28.9.23)
D A Booth Vice President (resigned 28.9.23)
W Holmes Council Trustee (resigned 28.9.23)
C S Ball Independent Trustee (resigned 28.9.23)
J Callaghan Trustee Elected Trustee (resigned 28.9.23)
J L McMinn Independent Trustee (resigned 28.9.23)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

P.S. Hutchinson BSc FCA
Harrison Hutchinson Limited
246 Park View
Whitley Bay
Tyne and Wear
NE26 3QX

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A Rose-Cook - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Northumberland Football Association
Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Northumberland Football Association Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P.S. Hutchinson BSc FCA

Harrison Hutchinson Limited
246 Park View
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Date:

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	30.6.24 Total funds £	30.6.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	4				
Football development		63,159	230,983	294,142	278,956
Football operations		115,983	22,539	138,522	130,942
Other trading activities	2	159,400	-	159,400	183,074
Investment income	3	23,334	-	23,334	19,580
Total		361,876	253,522	615,398	612,552
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	230,933	-	230,933	224,711
Charitable activities	6				
Football development		70,911	230,983	301,894	284,421
Football operations		48,828	22,539	71,367	88,541
Total		350,672	253,522	604,194	597,673
NET INCOME		11,204	-	11,204	14,879
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		309,104	-	309,104	294,225
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		320,308	-	320,308	309,104

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

Statement of Financial Position
30th June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	30.6.24 Total funds £	30.6.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	215,507	-	215,507	222,671
Investments	13	1	-	1	-
		<u>215,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,508</u>	<u>222,671</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	58,168	-	58,168	43,471
Cash at bank		297,557	-	297,557	391,034
		<u>355,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355,725</u>	<u>434,505</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(159,037)	-	(159,037)	(252,184)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>196,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,688</u>	<u>182,321</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>412,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>412,196</u>	<u>404,992</u>
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	16	(91,888)	-	(91,888)	(95,888)
NET ASSETS		<u>320,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320,308</u>	<u>309,104</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				320,308	309,104
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>320,308</u>	<u>309,104</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th June 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Position - continued
30th June 2024

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Ord - Trustee

Northumberland Football Association
Limited

Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

	Notes	30.6.24 £	30.6.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(92,246)</u>	<u>71,902</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(92,246)</u>	<u>71,902</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,230)	(1,200)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(1,231)</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(93,477)</u>	<u>70,702</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>391,034</u>	<u>320,332</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>297,557</u></u>	<u><u>391,034</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	11,204	14,879
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	8,395	8,659
Increase in debtors	(14,698)	(6,043)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(97,147)	54,407
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(92,246)	71,902

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.23	Cash flow	At 30.6.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	391,034	(93,477)	297,557
	391,034	(93,477)	297,557
Total	391,034	(93,477)	297,557

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Northumberland Football Association Limited is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is Whitley Park, Whitley Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 9FA. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Northumberland Football Association Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Northumberland Football Association Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income in respect of restricted and unrestricted funds included all amounts receivable in the period, including members affiliation fees and disciplinary income, coaching course income and grant income received from the Football Association.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are allocated by charitable activity in proportion to the budgeted costs for each area.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Trophies	- 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees at their discretion for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
FA grants released	4,001	4,214
Marketing, communications & PR	44,411	25,820
FA Annual grant	22,404	22,752
Disciplinary income	81,939	80,131
Ground maintenance	6,645	50,157
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	159,400	183,074
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Rents received	20,276	19,321
Interest received	3,058	259
	23,334	19,580

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		30.6.24	30.6.23
	Activity	£	£
Coaching income	Football development	30,305	39,939
Development income	Football development	5,115	14,568
Refereeing activities	Football development	27,739	13,590
Workforce funding	Football development	230,983	210,859
Members affiliation fees	Football operations	78,332	58,040
County cup competitions	Football operations	28,301	28,169
Refereeing activities	Football operations	9,350	3,680
Workforce funding	Football operations	22,539	41,053
		432,664	409,898

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Purchases	27,149	66,328
Staff costs	165,289	125,086
Bad debts	-	(3,900)
Support costs	38,495	37,197
	230,933	224,711

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Football development	32,420	269,474	301,894
Football operations	15,838	55,529	71,367
	48,258	325,003	373,261

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other trading activities	34,227	900	3,368	38,495
Football development	265,208	900	3,366	269,474
Football operations	51,873	771	2,885	55,529
	351,308	2,571	9,619	363,498

Activity	Basis of allocation
Management	Support Costs
Finance	Support Costs
Governance costs	Support Costs

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	8,394	8,660
Other operating leases	17,117	17,200

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

In accordance with Article 23.2.2 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Chief Executive Officer is required to be a trustee of the charity. As Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Rose-Cook has an employee contract with the Company, and was paid a salary of £55,772 for the year ended 30th June 2024. No payments were for acting as a trustee for which he received no remuneration or benefits.

No other trustees received remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	1,538	1,141

10. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	418,811	376,998
Other pension costs	10,065	7,368
	428,876	384,366

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	14	14

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Football development	65,901	213,055	278,956
Football operations	89,889	41,053	130,942
Other trading activities	183,074	-	183,074
Investment income	19,580	-	19,580
Total	358,444	254,108	612,552
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	224,711	-	224,711

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Charitable activities			
Football development	71,366	213,055	284,421
Football operations	47,488	41,053	88,541
Total	343,565	254,108	597,673
NET INCOME	14,879	-	14,879
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	294,225	-	294,225
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	309,104	-	309,104

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st July 2023	380,064	59,573	28,609
Additions	-	-	-
At 30th June 2024	380,064	59,573	28,609
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2023	159,102	59,573	28,609
Charge for year	7,584	-	-
At 30th June 2024	166,686	59,573	28,609
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2024	213,378	-	-
At 30th June 2023	220,962	-	-

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Computer equipment £	Trophies £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2023	40,837	5,161	514,244
Additions	1,230	-	1,230
At 30th June 2024	42,067	5,161	515,474
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2023	39,128	5,161	291,573
Charge for year	810	-	8,394
At 30th June 2024	39,938	5,161	299,967
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2024	2,129	-	215,507
At 30th June 2023	1,709	-	222,671

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
MARKET VALUE	
Additions	1
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30th June 2024	1
At 30th June 2023	-

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Northumberland FA Community Hub Limited

Registered office: United Kingdom

Nature of business: Operation of Sports Facilities

Class of share: %
Ordinary holding **100**

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	(10,145)	-
Loss for the year	(10,146)	-

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,373	16,787
Amounts owed by group undertakings	17,284	-
Prepayments	32,511	26,684
	58,168	43,471

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	34,736	21,688
Social security and other taxes	9,716	10,110
VAT	9,124	314
Accrued expenses	105,461	220,072
	159,037	252,184

16. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Deferred FA grants	91,888	95,888

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	309,104	11,204	320,308
TOTAL FUNDS	309,104	11,204	320,308

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	361,876	(350,672)	11,204
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	253,522	(253,522)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	615,398	(604,194)	11,204

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	294,225	14,879	309,104
TOTAL FUNDS	294,225	14,879	309,104

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	358,444	(343,565)	14,879
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	254,108	(254,108)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>612,552</u>	<u>(597,673)</u>	<u>14,879</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	294,225	26,083	320,308
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>294,225</u>	<u>26,083</u>	<u>320,308</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	720,320	(694,237)	26,083
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	507,630	(507,630)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,227,950</u>	<u>(1,201,867)</u>	<u>26,083</u>

Restricted funds represent grants made to the charitable company by the Football Association which are to be specifically used as directed by the donor.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

There were no related party transactions, other than already disclosed in the accounts, for the year ended 30th June 2024.